

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2176

Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero

February 20, 2008

An act to add Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 25450) to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2176, as introduced, Caballero. Energy: federal block grants.

The federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (federal act) provides energy efficiency and conservation block grants to states for the purposes of reducing fossil fuel emissions, improving energy efficiency, and to reducing total energy use. That act requires not less than 60% of the funds allocated to a state to be used to provide subgrants to local governments that are not eligible to receive block grants under the act. Existing law authorizes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to apply for and accept grants.

This bill would require the commission to administer funds received by the state pursuant to the federal act and would require not less than 60% of the funds received to be used to provide subgrants to cities and counties of specified population sizes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 25450)
- 2 is added to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

1 CHAPTER 5.5. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK
2 GRANTS
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4 25450. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
5 following:

6 (1) The cost of energy in California is increasing and creating
7 greater demands on local governments' operating budgets.

8 (2) The 100th Congress enacted the Energy Independence and
9 Security Act of 2007, Public Law 110-140, that provides grants
10 to eligible entities, including states, to reduce fossil fuel emissions,
11 improve energy efficiency, and reduce overall energy use.

12 (3) Section 545(c)(1)(A) of the Energy Independence and
13 Security Act of 2007 mandates that states receiving block grants
14 under the act use not less than 60 percent of the grant amount to
15 provide subgrants to local governments that are not eligible entities
16 for the purposes of the act.

17 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to fully implement the
18 requirements for energy and conservation block grants provided
19 pursuant to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007
20 and that the funds allocated to the state pursuant to that act be
21 administered by the commission.

22 25450.1. Funds allocated to and received by the state pursuant
23 to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Public Law
24 110-140, shall be administered by the commission.

25 25450.2. Not less than 60 percent of the funds received pursuant
26 to Section 25450.1 shall be used to provide energy efficiency and
27 conservation grants to cities with a population of less than 35,000
28 and counties with a population of less than 200,000.